

What is claimed is:

1. A fastener for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate comprising:
  - a bridge portion;
  - a first prong extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion; and
  - a second prong spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion;wherein said second prong is substantially shorter than said first prong.
2. A fastener according to claim 1, wherein the length of said second prong is between about 25% and about 45% of the length of said first prong.
3. A fastener according to claim 1, wherein the length of said second prong is between about 75% and about 99% of the length of said bridge portion.
4. A fastener according to claim 1, wherein said bridge portion has a length of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, said first prong has a length of about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch and said second prong has a length of about  $\frac{7}{16}$  inch.
5. A fastener according to claim 1, wherein said bridge portion, said first prong and said second prong are generally straight-line segments.
6. A fastener according to claim 5, wherein said first prong and said second prong are generally perpendicular to said bridge portion.
7. A fastener according to claim 1, wherein said fastener is made from a shaped wire.
8. A fastener according to claim 7, wherein said shaped wire has a thickness of about 0.05 inch and a width of about  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch.
9. A fastener according to claim 1, wherein said fastener is made from shaped 1018 carbon steel wire.

10. A strip of fasteners for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate, comprising:

a plurality of fasteners connected together in a side-by-side array, wherein each fastener includes a bridge portion, a first prong extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion, and a second prong spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion, wherein said second prong is substantially shorter than said first prong; wherein each one of said first prongs is aligned generally in a first plane and each one of said second prongs is aligned generally in a second plane so as to form said strip of fasteners.

11. A strip of fasteners according to claim 10, wherein said fasteners are connected together with an adhesive.

12. A strip of fasteners according to claim 10, wherein each one of said bridge portions is generally straight and each one of said bridge portions is aligned generally in a third plane.

13. A strip of fasteners according to claim 12, wherein said third plane is generally perpendicular to said first plane and said second plane.